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CONVENING OF THE SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In a letter dated 31 March 1997 addressed to the Secretary-General (see annex), the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations requested an emergency special session of the General Assembly to discuss an item entitled "Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory".

2. Upon receipt of the aforementioned letter, in a note dated 1 April 1997, the Secretary-General transmitted the text to Member States requesting them, bearing in mind his responsibilities under rule 9 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to inform him whether they concurred in the request for the convening of an emergency special session.

3. In a note dated 22 April 1997, the Secretary-General informed Member States that the majority of Members had concurred in Qatar's request and that, accordingly, the tenth emergency special session would convene at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 24 April 1997, at 10 a.m.

4. The provisional agenda of the session will be issued as document A/ES-10/2.

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ANNEX

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 31 March 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Group of States members of the League of Arab States has discussed the dangerous situation resulting from the illegal Israeli actions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, in particular the commencement of the construction of the Jabal Abu Ghneim settlement to the south of occupied East Jerusalem, and other measures regarding Jerusalem and the building of settlements.

The Arab States have considered the failure of the Security Council to exercise its role in maintaining international peace and security owing to the use of the veto by a permanent member of the Council on two successive occasions in less than two weeks.

Given their belief that the illegal Israeli measures in question represent a threat to international peace and security as undermining the Middle East peace process and are in violation of international law and the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, and in the light of Israel's persistence in these measures and of the failure of the Security Council to exercise its primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations, the States members of the League of Arab States have decided that it is necessary to convene an emergency special session of the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolution 377 A (V) of 3 November 1950, entitled "Uniting for peace", to consider "Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory".

Accordingly, and in my capacity as Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, I request that an emergency special session of the General Assembly be convened pursuant to resolution 377 A (V), entitled "Uniting for peace", in order to consider this important matter.

I should be grateful if you would initiate the necessary procedures for the convening of this emergency special session.

(Signed) Nasser Bin Hamad AL-KHALIFA
Permanent Representative of Qatar
to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

To convene at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 24 April 1997, at 10 a.m.

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia.

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Credentials of representatives to the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

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* Issued in accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure.

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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 24 April 1997 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

At present 25 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amount owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount owed for the preceding two full years (1995-1996) are the following:

	United States dollars
Bosnia and Herzegovina	694 583.00
Cape Verde	128 643.00
Central African Republic	361 343.00
Chad	128 743.00
Congo	155 784.00
Dominica	128 743.00
Dominican Republic	13 741.93

	United States dollars
Equatorial Guinea	62 543.00
Gambia	128 743.00
Georgia	419 697.00
Grenada	128 343.00
Guinea	9 243.00
Guinea-Bissau	128 443.00
Iraq	4 710 995.00
Kyrgyzstan	980 353.00
Madagascar	68 443.00
Nicaragua	108 184.00
Republic of Moldova	1 792 709.00
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	32 036.50
Sao Tome and Principe	128 743.00
Seychelles	17 443.00
Somalia	530 143.00
Togo	27 143.00
Vanuatu	92 543.00
Yugoslavia	10 890 747.00

(Signed) Kofi ANNAN
Secretary-General

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AGENDA OF THE TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Adopted by the General Assembly at its 1st plenary meeting, on 24 April 1997

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2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis DANGUE RÉWAKA (Gabon)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 24 April 1997, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its tenth emergency special session with the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee for the fifty-first regular session, namely: China, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Netherlands, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 24 April 1997. In opening the meeting, the Acting Legal Counsel referred to rule 63 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, according to which the President and Vice-Presidents for emergency special sessions shall be, respectively, the chairman of those delegations from which were elected the President and Vice-Presidents of the previous session, and suggested that, in accordance with past practice, the said rule could equally be applied to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

3. There having been no objection to the above-mentioned suggestion, Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka (Gabon) took the chair.

4. The Credentials Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 23 April 1997, on the status of credentials of representatives to the tenth emergency special session.

5. A statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General was made by his representative, the Acting Legal Counsel.

6. In his memorandum, which was based on information received up to 23 April 1997, the Secretary-General recalled that, in his note convening the tenth emergency special session, he had notified Member States that credentials

for those representatives who were not already authorized to represent their Governments at all sessions of the General Assembly should be issued in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and might be presented by cable or telefax. It was indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum that the following Member States had Permanent Representatives who were authorized to represent their Governments at all sessions of the General Assembly: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was also indicated, in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, that credentials in due form or in the form of a facsimile or a cable from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received in respect of the representatives of the following Member States: Cuba, Djibouti, Honduras, Italy, Mauritania, Russian Federation and Syrian Arab Republic. In paragraph 4 of the memorandum, it was indicated that the Secretary-General had received communications emanating from Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Representatives or Permanent Missions concerned in respect of the representatives of the following Member States: Antigua and Barbuda and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

7. During the meeting the Acting Legal Counsel informed the Committee that, subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum, additional credentials in due form or in the form of a facsimile or a cable had been received in respect of the representatives of the following Member States: Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica and Nicaragua, which updated the memorandum accordingly. The Acting Legal Counsel further informed the Committee that, in addition, a note verbale had been received from the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations in respect of its representatives. The Acting Legal Counsel also noted that, in accordance with the practice concerning previous emergency special sessions, Permanent Representatives whose credentials did not authorize them to represent their Governments in all organs of the United Nations had been informed that they would need additional credentials accrediting them to the tenth emergency special session. He stated that no

additional credentials had been received from the following such Member States: Benin, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Palau, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Senegal, Yemen and Zaire. In this connection it was suggested that, in accordance with the consistent practice of the General Assembly, the representatives of the above Member States should be seated provisionally on the understanding that their credentials in due form would be submitted as soon as possible.

8. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as supplemented by the oral statement of the Acting Legal Counsel, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States not referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the memorandum would be communicated in due form to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 23 April 1997,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In view of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.